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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESS INTERVIEW ON NON-ALIGNED

MEETING AND UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

1. AUGUST 7 ISSUE OF COMMUNIST PARTY (CPI) DAILY PATRIOT CARRIES EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN CONCERNING LIMA MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS AND UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. DESPITE POTENTIALFOR MORE EXTREME STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY COMMUNIST PRESS VEHICLE, CHAVAN'S REMARKS ARE NOTEWORTHY FOR THEIR MODERATION, EVEN BLANDNESS. HIS PRINCIPAL THEME WAS THE NEED FOR "CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION" BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON U.S. "THREAT OF WITHDRAWAL" FROM UN IN THE FACE OF "UNPALATABLE DECISIONS" SUCH AS POSSIBLE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL, CHAVAL SAID: "IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE MAJORITY TO CONDUCT ITSELF WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, JUST AS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE

MINORITY, HOWSOEVER POWERFUL, DOES NOT SEEK TO NEGATE THE APIRATIONS OF THE MAJORITY. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL COUNTRIES, STRONG OR WEAK, TO WORK TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF EQUALITY AND COOPERATION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. IF WE

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ARE ALL AGREED THAT THE FUTURE

OF THE WORLD CAN BE ASSURED ONLY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AMONG ALL COUNTRIES AS SOVEREIGN EQUALS, ALL COUNTRIES MUST WORK TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND NOT CONFRONTATION, EACH FULLY REALIZING ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMITMENTS."

3. CHAVAN IDENTIFIED PURPOSE OF NONALIGNED MEETING, INSOFAR AS IT PREPARATORY FOR UNGA 7SS, AS DISCUSSION OF "JOINT ACTION WHICH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE, TOGETHER WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FOR ACHIEVING CONCRETE RESULTS" AS SESSION. HE ADDED, "WE KNOW THAT THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION IS A SLOW ONE. WE MUST, THEREFORE BE PATIENT AND PERSEVERE IN OUR EFFORTS WITHOUT LOSING HOPE OR CONFIDENCE." "THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES," HE SAID LATER IN THE INTERVIEW, "CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOLUTION OF WORLD PROBLEMS. OUR EFFORT, THEREFORE, WILL BE TO KEEP OUR FOCUS CLEARLY ON THIS OBJECTIVE AND TO PROMOTE A SPIRIT OF HARMONY AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION."

4. THE PATRIOT INTERVIEWER ASKED A POINTED QUESTION CONCERNING POSSIBLE PRESSURE ON "SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BECOME AFFLUENT" TO TAKE A MORE GENEROUS VIEW OF THE PLIGHT OF THOSE THAT ARE NOT SO FORTUNATE." WHILE ADMITTING "THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY A SERIOUS PROBLEM," CHAVAN'S ANSWER WAS DIPLOMATIC "OUR FRIENDS IN OPEC ARE OUR PARTNERS IN OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS AFFLICTING THE WORLD. THEY HAVE SHOWN UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIFFICULTIES CREATED TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE MANNER IN WHICH COOPERATION AMONGST US CAN BE PROMOTED....OUR SUCCESS IN IMPLEMENTING A CONCRETE PROGRAM OF ACTION IN THIS REGARD WILL BE A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF OUR SOLIDARITY."

5. ASKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE UN, CHAVAN SAID THAT INDIA "HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONVINCED THAT THE UN SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED." STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION WAS NOT THE FINAL ANSWER, HOWEVER, "EFFECTIVE AND CONCRETE ACTION IN PURSUANCE OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED IS POSSIBLE ONLY IF MEMBER-GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED SHOW THE NECESSARY WILL AND DETERMINATION TO IMPLEMENT THEM".

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6. WITHOUT IDENTIFYING OTHER ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH, CHAVAN MADE A POINT OF CLARIFYING THAT THE LIMA MEETING WOULD NOT DEAL ONLY WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE REFERRED TO "MANY CRISES" WHICH CONTINUE UNRESOLVED AND "NEW TENSIONS IN DIFFERENT PART OF THE WORLD THREATEN TO UPSET A PRECARIOUS PEACE...THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL, THEREFORE, MAKE A CAREFUL APPRAISAL OF ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS."

7. AN EDITOR'S NOTE APPENDED TO THE INTERVIEW REPORTED THAT CHAVAN WOULD BE VISITING BRAZIL EN ROUTE TO LIMA.

8. COMMENT: WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT THE EFFORTS HAVE MADE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS TO BRING THE DANGERS OF NORTH/SOUTH CONFRONTATION TO THE ATTENTION OF GOI SENIOR OFFICIALS HAS HAD SOME INFLUENCE ON CHAVAN'S POSITION. FILL TEXT BEING POUCHED NEA/INS.
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